conflicts; but give their activity of mind a wider range, and nobler paſſions and motives will govern their appetites and ſentiments.

'The common attachment and regard of 'a mother, nay, mere habit, will make her 'beloved by her children, if ſhe does nothing 'to incur their hate. Even the conſtraint 'ſhe lays them under, if well directed, will 'increaſe their affection, inſtead of leſſening 'it; becauſe a ſtate of dependence being na-'tural to the ſex, they perceive themſelves 'formed for obedience.

This is begging the queſtion; for ſervitude not only debaſes the individual, but its effects ſeem to be tranſmitted to poſterity. Conſidering the length of time that women have been dependent, is it ſurpriſing that ſome of them hug their chains, and fawn like the ſpaniel? 'Theſe dogs,' obſerves a naturaliſt, 'at firſt kept their ears erect; but cuſ-'tom has ſuperſeded nature, and a token of 'fear is become a beauty.'

'For the ſame reaſon,' adds Rouſſeau, 'women have, or ought to have, but little 'liberty; they are apt to indulge themſelves 'exceſſively in what is allowed them. Ad-'dicted in every thing to extremes, they are 'even

'even more tranſported at their diverſions 'than boys.'

The anſwer to this is very ſimple. Slaves and mobs have always indulged themſelves in the ſame exceſſes, when once they broke looſe from authority.—The bent bow recoils with violence, when the hand is ſuddenly relaxed that forcibly held it; and ſenſibility, the play-thing of outward circumſtances, muſt be ſubjected to authority, or moderated by reaſon.

'There reſults,' he continues, 'from this 'habitual reſtraint a tractableneſs which the 'women have occaſion for during their whole 'lives, as they conſtantly remain either un-'der ſubjection to the men, or to the opi-'nions of mankind; and are never permitted 'to ſet themſelves above thoſe opinions. The 'firſt and moſt important qualification in a 'woman is good-nature or ſweetneſs of tem-'per: formed to obey a being ſo imperfect 'as man, often full of vices, and always full 'of faults, ſhe ought to learn betimes even 'to ſuffer injuſtice, and to bear the inſults 'of a huſband without complaint; it is not 'for his ſake, but her own, that ſhe ſhould 'be of a mild diſpoſition. The perverſeneſs